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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION  
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a *continuation* application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP00/07010 filed on July 21, 2000 which designated the United States.

Inventor(s):

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Title: **INSTRUMENT FOR PLACING SURGICAL CLIPS**

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

- (1) ☒ Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - **18** pages
- (2) ☒ **Five (5)** sheet(s) of **formal drawings**, together with transmittal letter
- (3) ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the ☐ filing fee(\$ .00 )  
and/or ☐ Assignment Recordal Fee (\$\_\_\_\_\_) is enclosed.
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Basic Fee								\$	740.00
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CLAIMS	Independent Claims	1	3	0	x	\$84.	=	\$	.00
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- (4) ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney form -- pages  
     a. ☐ Newly executed  
     b. ☐ Copy from a prior application  
     c. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) ☐ Small Entity Status

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

- (6) ☐ Assignment document  
     a. ☐ Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595  
     b. ☐ Copy from a prior application  
     c. ☐ Please include assignee information when this application is published  
         **Assignee:**
- (7) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (8) ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
- (9) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449 and copies of cited references
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- (12) ☒ Patent Application Data Entry Form

(13) ☐ Other:

(14) ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**"This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/EP00/07010 filed on July 21, 2000."**

(15) ☒ This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 199 34 634.8 filed July 23, 1999.

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(17) ☒ Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of January 18, 2002, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 046687104 US).

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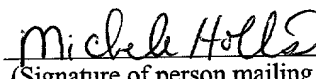
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